

12-26-01

Box seg 14

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.

A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

600 CONGRESS AVENUE, SUITE 2400

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

HOUSTON
WASHINGTON, D.C.
AUSTIN
SAN ANTONIO
DALLAS
NEW YORK
LOS ANGELES
MINNEAPOLIS
LONDON
HONG KONG

11050 U.S. PTO
10/025187

12/18/01

JC961 U.S. PTO
12/18/01

TELEPHONE: 512/474-5201
FACSIMILE: 512/536-4598
STEVEN L. HIGHLANDER
PARTNER
INTERNET ADDRESS:
HIGHLANDER@FULBRIGHT.COM
DIRECT DIAL: 512/536-3184

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING
NUMBER EL839265544US
DATE OF DEPOSIT December 18, 2001

December 18, 2001

FILE: IOWA-034US
10112050

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: A BARDET-BIEDL SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE AND
USES THEREOF - Val Sheffield, Darryl Nishimura, Edwin Stone*

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 120-page patent specification including 67 claims, an abstract, and a 19-page sequence listing. The specification constitutes the application of Val Sheffield, Darryl Nishimura and Edwin Stone for the captioned invention.

Also transmitted herewith is a diskette containing the computer-readable form of those sequences in the specification, a Statement as Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f), and a separate paper copy of the sequence listing.

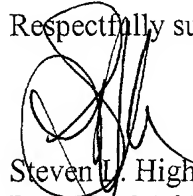
☒ Applicants are entitled to Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

Commissioner for Patents
December 18, 2001
Page 2

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard to evidence receipt of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven L. Highlander', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Steven L. Highlander
Reg. No. 37,642

SH:SF
Encl.

25105745.1

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL	
NUMBER	EL839265544US
DATE OF DEPOSIT	December 18, 2001

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Val Sheffield, Darryl Nishimura, Edwin
Stone

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

Serial No.: Unassigned

Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:034US/SLH

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: A BARDET-BIEDL SUSCEPTIBILITY
GENE AND USES THEREOF

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)

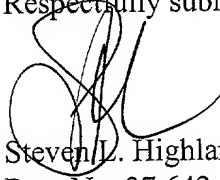
BOX SEQUENCE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Submitted herewith is a computer readable form and a paper copy of the sequence listing of those sequences in the captioned patent application. The computer readable form of the sequence listing is the same as the paper copy of the sequence listing. The sequence information provided in the Specification is also the same as the sequence listing of the enclosed computer readable and paper forms of the sequence listing.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven L. Highlander
Reg. No. 37,642
Attorney for Applicants

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.
600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2400
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 536-3184

Date: December 18, 2001

25105786.1